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The Church of the Annunciation is located at Twelfth and Diamond Streets in the North Philadelphia area. Attached to the church is a parish house, the upper floors of which serve as a residence for the rector. At the time of the visitation meeting, the rector, incumbent for 20 years, was the only member of the congregation present. The tremendous potential facing the congregation for a specialized ministry to the students of Temple University was discussed. Details on the history of the congregation, its properties, programs, and future policy are not available at this time since the congregation's leadership did not submit any materials for the Study.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

The ministry of the Church of the Annunciation extends over the North Philadelphia Area of the city. For the purposes of this Study, however, an arbitrary parish area has been assigned for this church. In conformity with existing United States Census Bureau divisions, this area comprises Census Tracts 20-A and B, 32-A and C, and 37-C. The Church of the Annunciation is located in Census Tract 32-A. The 1960 population of this arbitrarily assigned parish area was 39,759 persons.

With the exception of Census Tracts 32-A and C, no statistics are available on the 1950 population of the parish area. Census Tract 32-A had a 39.0% population de-



crease during the 1950 to 1960 census, from 13,019 in 1950 to 7,942 in 1960. Of the 1960 population, children 14 years of age and under were 35.1%, adults 65 years of age and over were 5.4% and non-white persons were 90.4%. The median family income of the census tract was \$2,792.00. Approximately 42.5% of the residents occupied the same dwellings during the 1955 to 1960 period. Similar data on the additional census tracts in the parish area appear in the chart below. It will be noted that the area is predominately occupied by non-whites and that almost one-third of the population comprised children 14 years of age and under. Attention is also called to the very low median family income of the area.

CENSUS TRACT	POPULATION		%	%	%	%
	1950	1960	CHANGE	14 & UNDER	65 & OVER	NON-WHITE
32-A	13,019	7,942	39.0	35.1	5.4	90.4
20-A	NA	9,090		41.4	4.5	80.6
B	NA	7,211		32.2	5.9	96.7
32-C	14,351	11,541	-19.6	31.3	5.9	96.8
37C	NA	3,975		32.7	5.6	95.0
TOTAL	39,759					91.6

CENSUS TRACT	NON-WHITE POPULATION		%	RESIDENCE 1955 SAME AS 1960	PUERTO RICAN	MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME
	1950	1960	CHANGE	%		
32-A	10,603	7,176	-32.3	42.5	9	\$2,792
20-A	NA	7,323		37.1	794	3,436
B	NA	6,974		36.0	7	2,762
32-C	12,050	11,174	- 7.3	43.3	0	3,611
37-C	NA	3,778		49.6	0	4,087
TOTAL	36,425					

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Information is also available on the educational characteristics of adults 25 years of age and over in the parish area in 1960. In Census Tract 32-A, high school graduates were 11.6%. College graduates were 2.7% and 2.6% had received from one to three years of college training. The median educational level of this census tract was 8.2 years.

The median age for males was 22.0 years and for females 24.6 years.

Comparable information appears in the following chart:

CENSUS TRACT	ED. OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER			MED. ED.	MED	
	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLL. 1-3 YRS.	% COLL. GRAD.		M AGE	F
32-A	11.6	2.6	2.7	8.2	22.0	24.6
20-A	9.7	1.3	0.9	7.9	19.6	22.1
B	9.6	1.2	1.3	7.8	28.7	30.2
32-C	13.7	3.4	1.8	8.8	28.4	29.6
37-C	19.4	2.0	0.4	8.8	27.8	28.0

This Study located a total of 40,061 Episcopalians who represent 3.3% of the 1960 population of the City of Philadelphia. Of these Episcopalians, 527, or 1.3%, were directly associated with the Church of the Annunciation. A total of 348 Episcopalians were located within the arbitrarily assigned parish area. The highest concentration existed in Census Tract 32-C and the lowest in Census Tract 37-C. Since no membership map was submitted by the congregation, it is impossible to determine the extent of parish membership in each of the census tracts.



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CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
32-A	7,942	7	0.1	0		
20-A	9,090	8	0.1	0		
B	7,211	13	0.2	0		
32-C	11,541	315	2.7	0		
37-C	3,975	5	0.1	0		
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TOTAL	39,759	348	0.9	0		
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	2,002,512	40,061	3.3	527	1.3	100.0

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THE CHURCH PROGRAM

This section of the Study is usually devoted to an analysis of the congregation's program as outlined in the Church Self-Study Form. However, since parish leadership did not submit this form, no analysis is possible at this time.

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

The General Division of Research and Field Study is unable to provide details on the membership distribution pattern for this congregation since parish leadership did not submit the membership maps requested for the Study.



# MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
X 32A PHI CO UN	527	1000
	527	1000



REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

During the 1950 to 1960 decade, the baptized membership of the Church of the Annunciation increased by 57.6%, from 330 in 1950 to 520 in 1960. The increase continued into 1961 but the trend was reversed in 1962. Communicant strength also increased during the decade, from 260 in 1950 to 452 in 1960, an increase of 73.8%. Communicant strength was stabilized in 1961 and 1962, increasing slightly in 1963. Church school enrollment grew by 47.6%, from 82 in 1950 to 121 in 1960. The growth continued into 1961 but was reversed in 1962.

During the 1961 to 1963 period, 84 persons were baptized and 71 confirmed at the Church of the Annunciation. The average ratios of baptisms and confirmations to the communicant strength during this period were 5.5% and 4.7%. The corresponding ratios for Philadelphia County were 3.5% and 3.4%, while the diocesan ratios were 3.9% and 4.1%.

Total reported expenditures at the Church of the Annunciation amounted to \$53,128.00 during the 1961 to 1963 period. Of this amount, \$6,150.00, or 11.6%, was expended for extra-parochial purposes. The average for Philadelphia County was 11.3% while the diocesan average was 14.9%.

Expenditures per communicant in the congregation averaged \$35.00 during the 1961 to 1963 period as compared with \$88.66 for the county and \$73.71 for the diocese.

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Extra-parochial expenditures per communicant in this congregation averaged \$4.05 during the same three-year period as compared to \$10.02 for Philadelphia County and \$10.45 for the diocese.



VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH ANNUNCIATION  
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COUNTY PHILADELPHIA

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DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	69	178	330	372	520	580	527	* 508
Communicants	66	144	260	308	452	505	505	508
Church School	17	70	82	92	121	158	151	150
Baptisms	2	34	36	37	51	50	34	—
Percentage of Communicants	3.3	23.6	13.8	12.0	11.3	9.9	6.7	—
Confirmations	1	2	35	24	24	42	12	17
Percentage of Communicants	1.7	1.4	13.5	7.8	5.3	8.3	2.4	3.3
Parochial Expenditures 1	2,675	3,376	5,878	9,599	16,250	13,942	12,352	15,412
Special Par. Expenditures 2	1,310	265	1,658	1,542	3,019	3,240	1,511	521
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	118	379	454	742	1,787	1,249	2,855	2046
Total Reported Expenditures	4,103	4,020	7,990	11,883	21,056	18,431	16,718	17,979
Expenditures per Communicant	68.38	27.92	30.73	38.58	46.58	36.50	33.10	35.39
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	1.97	2.63	1.75	2.41	3.95	2.47	5.65	4.03

\* GDRFS ESTIMATE NR.

- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
- 2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
- 3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.



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DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

Since this congregation did not submit an Episcopal Census, no statistical analysis of its characteristics and profile is possible at this time.

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## DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Since the Church of the Annunciation submitted no material of any kind, it is not possible to make any recommendations for this parish. If the Church of the Annunciation desires to complete its report, the General Division of Research and Field Study will process it, as time permits.

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